



**BILL RICHARDSON**  
GOVERNOR

*State of New Mexico*  
**ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**  
*Office of the Secretary*  
*Harold Runnels Building*  
*1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110*  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110*  
*Telephone (505) 827-2855*  
*Fax (505) 827-2836*



**RON CURRY**  
SECRETARY

**DERRITH WATCHMAN-MOORE**  
DEPUTY SECRETARY

August 13, 2004  
Immediate Release

Contact: Jon Goldstein, NMED Communications Dir.  
Phone: (505) 827-0314

## **Environment Department Makes \$500,000 in Funding Available for Navajo Dam Water Improvements**

(Santa Fe, NM) — New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry and Navajo Dam Domestic Water Consumers & Mutual Sewage Works, Inc. (DWC & MSW) President Charles Pearson will formally execute a \$500,000 funding agreement between the Department and the Association at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004**. This funding will allow for needed improvements to the association's water system to be made.

The formal signing of the agreement will take place in Navajo Dam, at the home of the Secretary of the Navajo Dam DWC & MSW, Inc. at #25 County Rd. 4276. Navajo Dam is located approximately 30 miles east of Bloomfield on the San Juan-Rio Arriba County line.

The agreement will enable the association to begin installation of a water treatment system and construction of a building to house the plant and other water system improvements as approved by NMED. Upgrading its water system will ensure compliance with environmental regulations and protect public health.

NMED has worked closely with the association to provide technical assistance, administrative support, and to streamline state requirements to provide a low cost financing option that will allow the association to begin the construction of the project.

The funding is provided through the Rural Infrastructure Loan Program, a program administered by NMED that provides low cost loans to New Mexico communities to construct water and wastewater facilities throughout the State. The Navajo Dam DWC & MSW, Inc. qualifies for a 3% loan that will be amortized over a twenty-year term.

For more information, visit the NMED Construction Programs Bureau web site at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/cpb/cpbtop.html>, call (505) 827-2807 or contact Jon Goldstein, Communications Director, NMED at (505) 827-0314.

###